

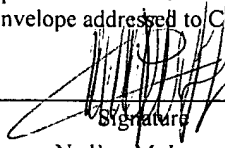


**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 2004345-0019 (SU-2410 US)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Wenjin Yang  
Serial No.: 10/731,922  
Filing Date: December 10, 2003  
Title: ASPARTYL PROTEASE INHIBITORS

Examiner: Kumar, Shailendra  
Art Unit: 1621  
Confirmation No.: 5784

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:

**Certificate of Mailing**  
I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
April 22, 2005  
Date  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
Nadège M. Lagneau  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name of person signing certificate

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments in the above-referenced patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

This Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).